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SEAN OF THE SOUTH | THURS., OCT. 16 @ 7 P.M.

Sean Dietrich isn't just a writer — he's a storyteller who makes you laugh, cry and feel right at home. A **columnist, humorist, and multi-instrumentalist** known for his commentary on life in the American South. His work has appeared in *Newsweek*, *Southern Living*, *Reader's Digest*, *Garden and Gun*, and his column appears weekly in newspapers throughout the U.S. He has authored 18 books and over four thousand columns. He makes appearances on the **Grand Ole Opry**, his work has been featured on the **Today Show**, and he's a really nice guy. Don't miss this unforgettable night of storytelling and music!

THE IRISH TENORS | THURS., DEC. 18 @ 7 P.M.

Experience the magic of Christmas with **The Irish Tenors**! For more than 25 years, they've enchanted audiences worldwide, ranking among PBS's top acts alongside **The Three Tenors** and **Andrea Bocelli**. Their soaring harmonies breathe life into beloved Irish classics, secular favorites, and holiday songs that make spirits soar. **Accompanied by an 18-piece orchestra, Anthony Kearns, Ronan Tynan and Declan Kelly** deliver a breathtaking performance that captures the season's joy and wonder. Secure your seats for this unforgettable holiday experience!

THE KODY NORRIS SHOW • THURS., MARCH 12 @ 7 P.M.

This award-winning bluegrass group is all about blending tradition with fresh energy. The reigning SPBGMA Entertainers of the Year feature front man **Kody Norris** on guitar, **Mary Rachel Nalley-Norris** on fiddle and mandolin, banjo ace **Josiah Tyree**, and bassist **Charlie Lowman**. Known for dynamic performances, they've played the **Grand Ole Opry**, **Ryman Auditorium**, and festivals worldwide, earning ovations and new fans everywhere they go. Bluegrass lovers and first-timers alike — grab your ticket and experience this unforgettable live show!

SCOTT MULVAHILL | THURS., NOV. 13 @ 7 P.M.

Scott Mulvahill doesn't just play the upright bass — he reinvents it. A **genre-blending singer-songwriter**, he fuses Americana, folk, jazz and experimental sounds into something truly original. A former member of **Ricky Skaggs' Kentucky Thunder**, Scott struck out on his own with **Himalayas** and his **groundbreaking DataBass project**. Encouraged by **Bruce Hornsby**, he's since taken the stage on NPR's **Tiny Desk**, **Mountain Stage**, and **TEDxNashville**, collaborating with **Cory Wong**, **Lauren Daigle**, and **Keb' Mo'**. Don't miss this musical innovator live in concert.

THE FRENCH FAMILY BAND | THURS., FEB. 12 @ 7 P.M.

Originally from Australia and now Nashville-based, this trio — **Stuie, Camille, and Sonny French** — brings rich harmonies, dazzling twin guitars, and a love for classic country straight from the Golden Age. With **Grand Ole Opry** appearances, worldwide acclaim, and praise from legends like **Marty Stuart**, they're carrying the tradition forward with heart and soul. With a new album on the way, now's the time to catch them live and experience true country magic.

THE PLATTERS | THURS., APRIL 9 @ 7 P.M.

Few groups have a legacy as enduring as **The Platters**®. Founded in 1952 by Herb Reed, they were the first African American group to achieve superstardom, delivering timeless GRAMMY® hits like "Only You" and "The Great Pretender." Today, their music remains a staple of pop culture, film and television, evidenced by their inclusion in the Marvel® Cinematic Universe. Under the direction of Mr. Reed's direct successor, Frederick J. Balboni, Jr., The Platters bring their signature harmonies to the stage, keeping the golden era of music alive alongside ageless songs of love from their new LP. This family-friendly performance will inspire audiences of all ages. Don't miss this legendary interactive show!